

under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. In section 117.739 revise paragraphs (d), (f), (i), (m), and (n) to read as follows:

**§ 117.739 Passaic River.**

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(d) The draw of the Jackson Street Bridge, mile 4.6, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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(f) The draw of the Bridge Street Bridge, mile 5.6, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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(i) The draw of the Clay Street Bridge, mile 6.0, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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(m) The draw of the NJTRO Bridge, mile 11.7, shall open on signal if at least six months notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

(n) The draw of the Route 3 Bridge, mile 11.8, shall open on signal if at least six months notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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Dated: January 9, 1998.

**R.M. Larrabee,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander,  
First Coast Guard District.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 441

[FRL-5967-1]

#### Extension of Comment Period for Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Pretreatment Standards for the Industrial Laundries Point Source Category; Proposed Rule

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is extending the comment period for the proposed effluent limitations guidelines and pretreatment standards for the industrial laundries point source category. The proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* on December 17, 1997. The comment period for the proposed rule is extended by 30 days, ending on March 19, 1998. In addition, interested parties providing performance data,

which may be used in calculating limits, will have until April 20, 1998 to submit data. This extension is being granted while taking into consideration the court-ordered promulgation date.

**DATES:** Comments regarding all issues related to the proposed rule will be accepted until March 19, 1998. Performance data, as specified herein, will be accepted until April 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to W-97-14, Ms. Marta E. Jordan, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), U. S. EPA, 401 M. Street S.W., Washington, DC 20460. Please submit any references cited in your comments. EPA requests an original and three copies of your written comments and enclosures (including references).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marta E. Jordan, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M. St. SW, Washington, DC 20460 or call (202) 260-0817.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 17, 1997, EPA published proposed effluent limitations guidelines and pretreatment standards for the industrial laundries industry in the *Federal Register* for review and comment (62 FR 66182). The comment period was scheduled to end February 17, 1998.

EPA held two public hearings during this comment period to provide opportunities for the regulated community and other interested parties to comment on issues pertaining to the proposed rule.

EPA has received more than 100 requests to extend the comment period to allow more time to address the issues on which EPA solicited public comment. The comment period for all issues in the proposed rule is extended by 30 days, to March 19, 1998. In addition, EPA will accept performance data, as specified below, until April 20, 1998. Data that EPA will consider most useful is performance data that conforms to the EPA protocols delineated in the quality assurance project plan (QAPP) and sampling and analysis plans. The QAPP and sampling and analysis plans can be found in sections 5.5 and 6.5 of the rulemaking record, respectively. EPA is scheduled to promulgate pretreatment standards for this industry by June 1999. EPA is using its best efforts to comply with this deadline and expects to meet the schedule even with this extension of the comment period.

Dated: February 9, 1998.

**Robert Perciasepe,**

*Assistant Administrator for Water.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

#### 42 CFR Chapter IV

[HCFA-1037-N]

#### Medicare Program; Meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on the Provider-Sponsored Organization Solvency Standards

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this document announces the date and location for a planned seventh meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on the provider-sponsored organization (PSO) solvency standards. The purpose of this committee meeting is to negotiate a consensus of an interim final rule establishing solvency standards for provider-sponsored organizations under Part C of the Medicare program, as statutorily-mandated by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-33.

**DATE AND ADDRESSES:** Unless canceled by the Committee, this meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 3 and 4, 1998, in Room 800, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC, 20201-0001.

**MEETING INFORMATION:** This is a planned meeting that may be canceled. The decision whether to hold this meeting will be available via the Internet on the HCFA homepage: <http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/mgdcare1.htm>. For further information and/or a voicemail message as to whether the Committee will meet should be directed to Maureen Miller, (410) 786-1097.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997 establishes a new Medicare+Choice program under part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (the Act). Under this program, an eligible individual may elect to receive Medicare benefits through enrollment in a Medicare+Choice plan that has a contract with us, which may include a health plan offered by a PSO. The BBA establishes a definition of PSOs that will